

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

In your new leadership role as Chair the FCC., I urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair, ensuring that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, especially since I seldom use long distance services on either my cell phone or my home or business lines. I already pay a substantial number of fees for things I don't use on any of my phone lines. Please consider that many of us, myself included, can't absorb much more in the way of fees and taxes. I know everything goes up, but must this too?

The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies - not just phones - pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combined plan based on both numbers and revenue. This keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

Under the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering, people like me who make very few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume customers.

I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan. Thank you.

cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary

Sincerely,

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